

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
November 8, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Excused: Lindsey, Ryan

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 Special meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, urged caution regarding the amount of debt obligated by the Town. (Statement attached)

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Report attached

The Town Manager reported that the information received regarding the health insurance renewal rates is very favorable. Mr. Hart thanked Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, the Be Well team and Mr. Milliman, of Milliman Inc. for their efforts.

The Town Manager recommended that the ad hoc Ordinance Development and Review Committee suspend their work on the proposed amendments to the Fee Schedule for Fire Prevention Services, awaiting further staff review of the entire ordinance. The current Committee will review any proposed amendments to the existing ordinance.

Mr. Hart expressed his appreciation to those who were willing to run for the State Representative position. He thanked Mr. Haddad for his years of service and dedication to the Town.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson announced the opening of two new businesses in Town, Talented Tailor on Higgins Highway and Storrs Center Cycle on Storrs Road. Mr. Schaefer questioned the meaning of the minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Housing Authority which referenced bidding on HUD properties. The Town Manager explained the Housing Authority bid on the ING properties which were in foreclosure but were not awarded the bid.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective November 8, 2010, to appoint Beverly Gotch as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to a term expiring at the next election.

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Motion passed unanimously.

2. USDA/UConn Animal Health Research Center

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Keane seconded, effective November 8, 2010, to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse a letter with the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman indicating that the Town does not have concerns with the USDA/UConn Animal Health Research Facility at this time but seeks an opportunity to review final plans prior to construction.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective November 8, 2010, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety, for \$33,800 to be dedicated to police overtime for DUI and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

Council members asked that the southern section of Mansfield City Road be included in the areas of heightened enforcement and that the times of the scheduled enforcement be tailored to the times of concern in Mansfield and not necessarily just the holiday seasons. The Town Manager will research.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Haddad reported the Executive Session regarding matters of Personnel scheduled for this evening has been deferred until a later date. Mr. Haddad updated the Council on the Personnel Committee's work on the Rules of Procedures, the Open and Transparent Government Policy and the Personnel Rules noting that these items will be on an agenda in the near future.

Mr. Paulhus announced the Four Corners Water and Sewer Study Committee will be meeting on November 11, 2010.

Ms. Moran reported the Committee on Committees will be addressing the vacancy on the Ethics Board and asked any interested community members to file an application on the Town's website or contact the Town Clerk. Mayor Paterson suggested the Committee send a letter to the Town Committees to solicit volunteers for the various openings.

IX. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. A. Pickett re: ASTRA Club- The Mayor will be preparing a proclamation for the organization

5. Planning and Zoning Commission re: Hunting Lodge Road Bikeway/Walkway & Salt Shed

6. Regional School District #19 District/Municipal Budget Information Sharing Meeting

7. CCM Environmental Management Bulletin

8. Chronicle "Info session on Storrs Center roads is Monday" – 10/21/10

9. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 10/21/10

10. Chronicle "Editorial: No moratorium – ban Spring Weekend" – 10/21/10

11. Chronicle "Senior housing to get second look" – 10/22/10
12. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 10/22/10
13. Chronicle "Weekend blaze damages home" – 10/25/10
14. Chronicle "Mansfield to look at Goodwin for school site" – 10/27/10
15. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 10/28/10
16. Chronicle "Experts sought for Four Corners water projects" – 10/28/10
17. Chronicle "Voters to decide \$3.34M in bond proposals" – 11/1/10

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Deputy Mayor Haddad announced that in December he will be resigning from the Town Council in order to assume his new position as the State Representative for the 54th Assembly District. Mr. Haddad asked any citizens interested in the Town Council position to please contact Sharry Goldman, Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Democratic Town Committee, or Mark LaPlaca, Chair of the Democratic Town Committee.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to recess as the Town Council and move into Executive Session to continue the review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance, in accordance with CGS§§ 1-200(6)(E), 1-210(b)(5)(B)
Motion passed unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Continued review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance, in accordance with CGS§§ 1-200(6) (E), 1-210(b) (5) (B)

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus (left at 10:30 pm.), Schaefer

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren, Financial consultant Shuprotim Bhaumik.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Town Council reconvened in regular session. Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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